

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the Speaker of the House had appointed, on the part of the House, Messrs. Broaddus, Brown of Dallas, Payne, Bewley and Short as a committee of conference to act with the committee appointed by the President of the Senate, on the disagreement between the two houses on the printing bill.

Senator Flanagan moved to adjourn to 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, pending the consideration of Senate bill No. 20, "An act to amend an act entitled an act to exempt certain persons from serving on juries, passed November 14, 1871."

The motion to adjourn was adopted by the following vote :

Yeas—Senators Baker, Ball, Cole, Evans, Ford, Flanagan, Fountain, Franks, Gaines, Hall, Rawson, Ruby, Swift, Tendick, Tracy and Mr. President—16.

Nays—Senators Avinger, Dillard, Dohoney, Finlay, Henry, King, Saylor, Sayers, Shelley and Word—10.

The Senate adjourned.

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SENATE CHAMBER,

AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 12, 1873.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

On motion of Senator Sayers, Senator Tendick was granted leave of absence for eight days.

Senator Dillard presented the memorial of G. M. Patrick, Esq., contesting the election of Hon. E. T. Randle, from the Fifteenth Senatorial District.

Senator Dillard moved that the memorial be referred to a select committee.

Senator Gaines moved a call of the Senate. Call sustained.

Absent, not excused, Senator Baker

The Senate being full upon the appearance of Senator Baker, the call was suspended.

Senator Flanagan moved to refer the memorial to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, which was adopted by the following vote :



Yeas—Senators Avinger, Baker, Cole, Ford, Flanagan, Fountain, Franks, Gaines, Hall, Rawson, Ruby, Saylor and Tracy—13.

Nays—Senators Ball, Dillard, Dohoney, Finlay, Henry, King, Latimer, Sayers, Shelley, Swift, Word and Mr. President—11.

The memorial was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Senator Finlay, chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 2, submitted the following reports:

*Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 51, entitled "An act to relieve sureties upon official bonds, having carefully considered the same, I am instructed to report back to the Senate the accompanying substitute, and to recommend its passage.

GEO. P. FINLAY, Chairman.

*Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 79, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of the liabilities of the county of Washington, and to provide for the same," having carefully considered the same, I am instructed to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass.

GEO. P. FINLAY, Chairman.

*Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 75, entitled "An act to authorize the County Court of Washington county to issue bonds for the purpose of funding the indebtedness of said county," have carefully considered the same, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

GEO. P. FINLAY, Chairman.

Senator Finlay, chairman of the Committee on Militia, submitted the following report:

*Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Militia, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to prepare and present a militia bill, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report back to the Senate the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

GEO. P. FINLAY, Chairman.



The Committee on Engrossed Bills submitted the following report:

*Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following bills, viz:

Senate bill No. 69, "An act to expedite the decision of criminal cases in the Supreme Court."

Senate joint resolution No. 13, "Authorizing and requiring the Comptroller of Public Accounts to receive and deposit in the treasury money belonging to the estate of Charles Kammer, deceased, and to cause to be escheated the land and other effects belonging to said estate."

And find them correctly engrossed.

G. T. RUBY, for Committee.

Senator Cole, chairman of Committee on Private Land Claims, submitted the following report:

*Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the accompanying memorial of L. E. Griffith, having had the same under consideration, would recommend that the prayer of the memorialist be granted.

D. W. COLE, Chairman.

Senator Swift introduced a bill to be entitled "An act for the relief of Luke G. Lea." Read first time and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Senator Ball introduced a bill entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of Benjamin Franklin, deceased." Read first time and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Senator Randle introduced a bill to be entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of James C. De Witt." Read first time and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Senator Cole, the special order for this hour, viz., "An act to repeal section five of an act to organize and maintain a system of public free schools in the State of Texas, approved April 24, 1871," was postponed to 11 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion of Senator Finlay, Senate bill No. 92, "An act to provide for the enrollment, organization and discipline of the militia," was taken up and read first time; the rules suspended, read second time and ordered engrossed; the rules were further suspended and the bill read third time and passed.



The consideration of Senate bill No. 20, "An act to amend an act entitled an act to exempt certain persons from serving on juries, passed November 14, 1871," the same being the pending subject when the Senate adjourned on yesterday, was again resumed.

Senator Shelley moved that the bill be re-committed. The motion was adopted.

Senator Shelley, chairman of the committee of conference on the part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Texas:*

SIRS: Your committee of free conference on House bill No. 106, entitled "An act to provide for the public printing," and the amendments thereto made by the Senate, have maturely, and as we trust in that spirit which should characterize the conduct of those who are charged with the duty of subserving the public interest, considered the subjects of difference between the two houses, and your committee unanimously instruct us to make to the Senate and House of Representatives the following recommendations:

1. That the Senate recede from its amendment to the first section of the House bill.
2. That the House concur in all the other amendments of the Senate, except the amendment which changes the words "elect" to "select," "elected" to "selected," and "election" to "selection," where they occur in the House bill, from which amendments the Senate recedes.

Your committee recommend that the House bill be amended by adding the following:

SEC. 15. *Be it enacted by, etc.,* That the printing already done for either house at the present session of the Legislature shall be paid for at the rates provided for in this act, or at the rates contracted for, if done under contract.

N. G. SHELLEY,  
Chairman Senate Committee.  
A. S. BROADDUS,  
Chairman House Committee.

Senator Shelley moved that the report of the committee be adopted.

Senator Gaines moved a call of the Senate. Call sustained.

Absent, not excused, Senator Rawson.



The Senate being full on the appearance of Senator Rawson, the call was suspended.

The motion offered by Senator Shelley was then adopted, by the following vote:

Yeas—Senators Avinger, Ball, Cole, Dillard, Dohoney, Finlay, Henry, King, Latimer, Shelley, Swift, Word and Mr. President—13

Nays—Senators Baker, Ford, Flanagan, Fountain, Franks, Gaines, Hall, Rawson, Randle, Ruby, Saylor and Tracy—12.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had adopted the report of the committee of conference on the printing bill.

On motion of Senator Flanagan the Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

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SENATE CHAMBER,

AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 13, 1873.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator King presented a petition from the citizens of Kendall county, to levy a special tax to pay a debt and build a county jail.

Also, a petition from the citizens of Kendall county, to levy a tax to repair roads, etc. Read and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senator King also presented a petition from the citizens of Kendall county, asking that certain laws be enacted for the protection of the agricultural interest of the country. Read and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Senator Sayers presented a petition for the relief of R. H. Walker. Read and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Senator Henry, chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 1, submitted the following report:

*Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Senate:*

SIR: Your Committee on Judiciary No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 89, to be entitled "An act to incorporate the G. M. Johnson Lodge No. 97, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows," having had the same